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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4968
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA
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MSG BN ARLINGTON VA
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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DEPT FOR SY/OPS/FO/MSG; KINSHASA FOR RSO; LAGOS FOR RSO;
NAIROBI FOR RSS & CO COMPANY "F"; FROM RSO SARGENT

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: ACTIVATION OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT

REF: STATE 187986 (NOTAL)

1. RSO SARGET, WHO IS TDY TO NDJAMENA ON SPECIAL INVESTIGATION, LOOKED AT EMBASSY PROPOSED MARINE HOUSE 8/20/77. SITE IS LOCATED TWO AND ONE HALF MILES FROM PRESENT CHANCERY, WHICH IS CENTER NDJAMENA, AND DIRECTLY BEHIND AID DIRECTOR'S RESIDENCE, NEXT TO HOTEL LA TCHADIENNE. PROPOSED SITE IS FORMER NIGHTCLUB QUOTE L'AUBERGE UNQUOTE AND MOTEL COMPLEX. EMBASSY PROPOSES TO CONVERT THE FORMER NIGHTCLUB INTO MARINE HOUSE AND POSSIBLY CONVERT SEPARATE ADJACENT MOTEL INTO AMERICAN SCHOOL. IN APPROX FOUR YEARS, MOTEL WILL BE RAZED AND NEW CHANCERY BUILT IN ITS PLACE. BUILDINGS APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM MAIN ROAD AND 25 YARDS FROM CHARI RIVER.

2. PROPOSED MARINE HOUSECONSISTS OF HUGE KITCHEN
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WITH WALK-IN FOOD STORAGE LOCKER, THREE BATH ROOMS, ONE OF WHICH WOULD BE CONVERTED INTO SHOWER, LARGE BAR/DANCE AREA FURNISHED APPROPRIATELY, AND LARGE L UNQUO A SHAPEDDINING ROOM AREA. EMBASSY PROPOSES CONVERSION OF LATTER AREA INTO SIX INDIVIDUALROOMS FOR MSG'S. THIS BUILDING ALSO HAS SERVANT TOILET FACILITIES, VENTS FOR CENTRAL AIRCONDITIONING AND OUTSIDE DINING PAVILLION.

3. EMBASSY HAS OPTION TO BUY UNTIL NOVEMBER 77. AT THIS TIME, THEY FULLY INTEND TO PURCHASE. EMBASSY ESTIMATES CONTRACTED CONVERSIONS MAY BE COMPLETED BY JAN 78.

4. INITIAL DISADVANTAGE, OF COURSE, IS DISTANCE FROM PRESENT CHANCERY WHICH, BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, IS RIGHT NEXT TO CENTER OF ACTION IN CASE OF COUP OR OTHER DISTURBANCE. EMBASSY VEHICLE SITUATION VERY POOR, ONLY FIVE AVAILABLE. THEREFORE, ASSIGNMENT OF MSG'S UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CONSIDER ASSIGNMENT OF MSG VEHICLE, IF ANY STILL AVAILABLE. THIS DISADVANTAGE SHOULD BE OVERCOME WHEN NEW CHANCERY BUILT. POTENTIAL ADVANTAGE TO SITE IS AS E&E ASSEMBLY AND EVACUATION SITE IF EITHER CROSS-RIVER TO CAMEROON OR AIR EVACUATION FROM AIRPORT OPTIONS ARE INVOKED. IN ADDITION, POTENTIAL TO COME TO AID OF AMBASSADOR, THREE MILES UP RIVER, EXISTS. EMBASSY HAS BOAT WHICH WOULD BE DOCKED AT SITE.

5. RSO JONES HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED SURVEY AND CAN COMMENT ON NUMBER OF POSTS REQUIRED FOR MSG'S. BASED ON MY OWN SUPERFICIAL REVIEW, APPEARS STANDARD 5 WATCHSTANDERS AND ONE NCOIC FOR ONE POST IN CHANCERY REQUIRED THIS POST.

6. EMBASSY ADVISES THAT QUARTERS AVAILABLE FOR NCOIC
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AND FAMILY. IF PROGRAM NOTED ABOVE HOLDS, RECOMMEND ASSIGNMENT NCOIC DECEMBER 77.

7. RECOMMEND THE HOUSE PROPOSED BY THE EMBASSY BE ACCEPTED AS A MARINE HOUSE. SUGGEST CO COMPANY F EXAMINE THE SITUATION PRIOR TO NOV. 77. BRADFORD

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